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Sikkema Announces Senate Committee Assignments

LANSING – With the last segment of his transition complete, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema today announced standing committee assignments for the upcoming legislative session.

"One of my top goals as majority leader is to be ready to take up the people's business when we are sworn in on January 8," Sikkema said. "Having all the committees set ensures we can get right to work."

Sikkema, R-Wyoming, said the Senate Committees would hold their first meetings during the week beginning Jan. 13. He added that committee assignments were made following recommendations from the Committee on Committees, which has met over the last several weeks to consider members' requests for assignments.

"I want to commend the members of the Committee on Committees for their fine and diligent work in making their recommendations to me," Sikkema said. "They have provided a great service and have made the transition to a new Republican Senate majority smoother and more efficient."

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